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Mr. Michael Powell, Chair Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I cannot tell you how distressed I feel over the narrowing of media sources in this country. Increasingly, I must look to sources outside the United States for broad-based, reliable information. It is bad enough that the major networks no longer have independent, well-funded news departments. (I also recall Dan Rather, as a member of a panel on this subject, saying that no network has a staff person assigned to the United Nations.) I find this situation sad for me personally, and indeed a threat to our being a vital, well-informed democratic society.

I urge you to make media diversity a high priority for the FCC.

Sincerely, Nancy Strong Nancy Strong

Hope I'm not a voice in the wilderness!

P.S. I wrote this before seeing this editorial in the n. iy. Jimes. The FCC has important work to do to keep the airwaves open and not in the control of an exclusive few, no matter how well-intentioned, or well-heeled. The american people, like myself, count on you to regulate — it's important.

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